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R E I K O S H I M I Z U
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I WANTED
MONEY SO I
KIDNAPPED A
CHILD, BUT I
MESSED IT UP...
AND KILLED
HIM.



I AM
FROM THE
CHURCH.
I UNDER-
STAND
YOU WANT
TO CON-
FESS?



I KILLED
A CHILD.



THE
STATUTES OF
LIMITATIONS
ARE UP- IT'S
BEEN SIXTY
YEARS



IT'S
HERE!



MY CANCER
IS TERMINAL.
I DON'T HAVE
MUCH TIME
LEFT

BEFORE I
DIE, I WANT
HIM TO BE
DUG OUT OF
THE HOLE
I BURIED
HIM IN.

BEEP

DO YOU
WISH TO
REPORT
THIS TO
THE
POLICE?



I WANT
HIM TO BE
PROPERLY
BURIED. I
WANT TO
CONFESS

I WANT
FORGIVENESS
AND I WANT
TO GO TO
HEAVEN.

I WILL
TELL THEM
EVERY-
THING...

WE
FOUND
IT!!

HEY!

CHAK-CHAK

Body discovered
in Niigata Marsh



Confirmed suspect's confession
The First will conduct the autopsy



Mr. N is
cancer treatment at the
Cancer
Center

Is it beyond sciences of illusions?

"I buried him 60 years ago."











Water (H₂O) Alkaline (Na⁺K⁺Ca⁺⁺Mg⁺⁺) Earth (CH₂OCOR) Soap (ROODNa)



IN EUROPE AND CHINA, IT'S NOT UNUSUAL TO FIND A BODY AS OLD AS 2000 YEARS.

PLACED WITH LOW TEMPERATURE AND HIGH HUMIDITY, SUCH AS WETLANDS AND MARSHES CAN CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS SEALED FROM BACTERIA. UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS, BODY FAT CAN TURN INTO ADIPOCERE (WAX-LIKE SUBSTANCE), MEANING A BODY CAN REMAIN UNCHANGED FOREVER.



100

THAT IS NOT
ALWAYS AT
ALL

HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
!

BUT...
COULD IT BE THE
SAME SUSPECT?
IT WAS FOUND IN
THE RIGHT AREA,
WASNT IT?

THE BODY OF
THE CHILD IS
STILL SOME-
WHERE OUT
THERE

IN SHORT,
WHEN WE DUG
UP THE AREA THE
SUSPECT POINTED
US TO, WE ENDED UP
FINDING A DIFFERENT
BODY. A BODY KILLED
AT A DIFFERENT TIME
AND BY A DIFFERENT
PERSON - THIS
BODY!

THIS BODY WAS BURIED
20-25 YEARS AGO. THE
SUSPECT WAS LIVING IN
SOUTH-EAST ASIA DURING
THAT TIME. HE COULDN'T
HAVE DONE THIS.

NO, THE
THING IS
NOTING.

IN
OTHER
WORDS

MR. H ONLY CONFESSED
TO THE MURDER OF A CHILD.
HE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TIME
LEFT. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE
THAT HE WOULD LIE ABOUT
ANOTHER MURDER.

...IT WAS
SOMEONE
ELSE WHO
KILLED AND
BURIED THIS
BODY.

AND IT'S
ONLY BEEN
20 TO 25
YEARS.

YES, AS
YOU'VE FIG-
URED OUT.

THANKS TO AN OLD
MAN'S LAST MINUTE
CONFESSION, ANOTHER
MURDER IS BEING
BROUGHT TO...

THIS
MURDER IS
STILL WITHIN
THE STATUTE
OF LIMITA-
TIONS.

NO.



AND HOW
MANY FINGER
AND NAILS
ARE KEPT
INTACT...

REGARD-
LESS OF
HOW WELL
THE BODY
IS PRESERVED.

EVEN
IF IT'S
FOR YOU.

TSUNO

TSUNOHE...
THERE'S A LIMIT
TO AUTOPSY RE-
SULTS AND CIR-
CUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE. WE WON'T
BE ABLE TO COME
UP WITH THE EVIDENCE
TO CHARGE SOMEONE.

WE CANNOT
USE THE MRI
ON A BODY
THAT IS 20-30
YEARS OLD.

THE BRAIN IS
DIFFERENT FROM
OTHER ORGANS.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
TO RETRIEVE
BRASS FROM
THIS BODY.

NO. WE
HAVE MORE
PRESSING
CASES.

**HOLD
ON!**



THERE ARE MULTIPLE STAB WOUNDS IN HIS GENITAL, LOWER ABDOMEN, THIGHS. THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS MOST LIKELY EXHAUSION.

LOOK CAREFULLY! THE STAB WOUND IN HIS BACK WASN'T THE CAUSE OF DEATH.

THERE ARE DEFENCE WOUNDS ON HIS HANDS. LEFT PINKY IS MISSING.

BEFORE IT REACHES THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

THIS MURDERER MIGHT BE A SEXUAL SADIST! HE'S STILL OUT THERE, FREE!

AM I WRONG, TSUYOSHI?

WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING WE CAN NOW!

BEFORE IT BECOMES A COLD CASE LIKE THAT BOY WHO IS STILL SOMEWHERE IN THAT MARCH.



THIS IS TECHNOLOGICALLY DIFFICULT AND WHILE URGENT, IT IS NOT NECESSARILY MORE IMPORTANT THAN OTHERS. I'M VERY SORRY, BUT WE CANNOT HELP YOU.

LET US GO, AOKI.



IN THE PAST, THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR A MURDER WAS 15 YEARS. WITHOUT THAT CHANGE IN THE LAW, THIS BODY WOULD HAVE BEEN A COLD CASE.



WHY WON'T YOU HELP?



WHY ARE YOU BEING SO HARD ON HER?

WE WERE ABLE TO GET IMAGES OUT OF A FROZEN BRAIN BEFORE!



ARE YOU
SAYING YOU
CAN DO IT?

...



IS THAT
SATISFAC-
TORY?





HER EXPRESSION WAS SAYING...



"WHAT ARE YOU DOING, IDIOT?"

Scientific
Police Re-
search Center,
the Ninth Labora-
tory of Legal
Medicine is k a
the Ninth

Scientific Police Research Center
The Ninth Laboratory of Legal Medicine

MRI
research
means...



The only place in
Japan where MRI
is used as a criminal
investigation tool. It
handles cases that
cannot be solved
through standard
investigation method.

Based on
these images,
police will try
to solve the
case...



putting the brain of
a deceased in a MRI
scanner, and project
the images seen by
the deceased on
a screen



THAT'S
RIGHT!

"HOW
COME
YOU
ARE SO
ROUND
?"

YOU ASKED
MAKI-SAN
WHY HE WAS
BEING SO
HARSH?
THAT'S LIKE
ASKING THE
EARTH.

WHAT
A COM-
PLETE
IDIOT!

I
KNOW.



In 2061, in a
serial murder
case of college
students, they
were able to
process a brain
that had been
frozen for five
years.



It has
cap-
tured
the
atten-
tion of
many







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THAT
MARSH
USED TO BE
AN APART-
MENT COM-
PLEX AND
EVERY
YEAR...

GROUP
PHOTOS
FROM
20-30
YEARS
AGO.







THAT
BODY

0002

HE USED
TO LIVE IN
THE AKATSUKI
APARTMENT
COMPLEX.



THAT
MEANS...

... EVEN IF HE WAS
MARRIED RIGHT
AFTER THIS PHOTO
WAS TAKEN.

WIFE, DAUGHTER AND
SON. EVERY YEAR,
THE WHOLE FAMILY
WOULD ATTEND THE
SUMMER FESTIVAL,
BUT THEY DISAP-
PEARED AFTER 2001.

IT IS
WITHIN
STATUTE
OF LIMITA-
TION UNTIL
THIS SEP-
TEMBER.









WHAT
?!

5/756

NO,
DOCTOR!
DON'T CUT
OFF HIS
EAR!!

WEDDING?!!
WHEN?!



YUKIKO!



YUKIKO
...?

...

HERE, THE
INVITATION
IT'S IN JUNE,
SO DON'T YOU
MISS IT!

DEPRESSED

OH, COME ON
HOW LONG
ARE YOU GOING TO
TALK ABOUT THAT?
I JUST HAD A FEW
BAD ONES, BUT THE
REST WERE FINE!
THEY JUST DIDN'T
GET TO THE
MARRIAGE
STAGE!

WE USED TO COM-
PETE ON WHO HAD
THE WORSE LUCK
WITH MEN BACK IN
COLLEGE, BUT NOW
YOU ARE GETTING
MARRIED...

WE LIVE
TOGETHER
ALREADY

YUP

IS HE
NICE?

WHAT
WAS HIS
NAME?
SHOJI?

I SEE. I
WAS JUST
THINKING
YOU HADN'T
PHONED ME
AND WHINED
LITELY, BUT
THINGS HAVE
BEEN GOING
WELL.

ALSO, I
WANT MY
BROTHER
TO FEEL
RELIEVED.

HE GREW UP IN
A SIMILAR WAY AS
ME. HE LOST HIS
FATHER WHEN HE
WAS LITTLE, SO
HE BOTH DREAM
OF HAVING A
FAMILY.

THOUGH
WE ARE
MARRIED
LATE. 30
AND 40.

YOUR
BROTHER,
HUH.

...







Takashi
Horie
He was
sixteen
back in
2037



FATHER WORKED IN CONSTRUCTION. HE MISSED WORK OFTEN, CLAIMING THAT HE HAD TO TAKE CARE OF THE CHILDREN.

BROTHER, CHIKAKO, WAS HOSPITALIZED IN 2005 FROM A BURN INJURY SUSTAINED DURING A COOKING ACCIDENT. SHE DIED THREE MONTHS LATER.



THE FATHER IS THE VICTIM, TATSU MORI (40), AND THE MOTHER WAS CHIKAKO (38). HE IS THEIR OLDEST SON. THERE WAS ALSO A 10-YEAR-OLD SISTER.



THEY MUST HAVE BEEN FINANCIALLY STRUGGLING

THEY LIVED IN A SUBSIDIZED APARTMENT, YET MISSED PAYMENTS.

I SEE.

HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN A HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN AT SIXTEEN

NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU HAVE A LONG FACE EVEN THOUGH YOU SUCCEEDED IN PROCESSING THAT BRAIN.



LOSING A FATHER WHEN YOU WERE ALREADY DESTITUTE. I WONDER HOW THESE SIX-LING'S SURVIVED...

NOT MUCH.
IT TAKES A
LOT OF TIME
TO REPAIR
THE IMAGES.

IS THIS
ALL YOU
GOT? ANY-
THING ELSE?
ANYTHING
ANIMATED?

GLARING
AT HIS
FATHER
WITH A
BLOODY
FACE...
THAT'S
RATHER
MEANING-
FUL.

AA!

Let
it
be!

WE NEED
SOMETHING
MORE DIRECTLY
RELATED TO
THE MURDER.

WELL, HURRY
UP! THIS MONT
TELL YOU MUCH
MORE THAN THE
WEATHER.

click
click
click

IF YOU
TOUCH IT
TOO MUCH,
YOU'RE GOING
TO MESS UP
THE REPAIRED
DATA!

OKAYE-
SANY!

PLEASE
STOP
TOUCHING
IT!

HLHT?

COME
ON!

WHAT'S
THIS?

THERE IS
SOMETHING
BY HIS FEET.

WHAT?



A BARE
BOTTLE?



AGL

AGL?







I HEARD THAT YOU
LOST YOUR FATHER
TO CANCER WHEN
YOU WERE FIFTEEN.
MUCH LIKE US.



I WANTED TO
SEE YOUR FACE
TO FACE AND
MAKE SURE...





How?

MARR-
RAGE...
I DON'T
KNOW

OH!

I
DOUBT
IT.

WHY?

MARR-
RAGE?
UHM...



HUH?

DON'T
YOU HAVE
SOMEONE
YOU ARE
SEEING?



THEN IS
IT ABOUT
THAT GUY,
TEIKOYOSH
SOMEBODY
...?

I got
drunk from
him when
we're young
people

IT'S NOT
THAT.

ARE
YOU STILL
NOT OVER
SUZUKI?



HUH?

YOU ALWAYS
BADMOUTHED
HIM

WHAT?

YOU SAID HE
WAS SUZUKI'S
BEST FRIEND, BUT
YOU COULD NEVER
BEAT HIM. IT USED
TO BOTHER YOU
SO MUCH.



AND THAT YOU'RE
STILL HERE BECAUSE
OF THIS TEIKOYOSH
GUY, EVEN THOUGH
SUZUKI IS GONE.

I THOUGHT
SOMEONE WOULD
LIKE YOU WOULD
BE TURNED ON
BY THAT...



WHAT
...?

AM I
WRONG
...?



YUKIO-
SAN.

LIKE AN
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
KID!

HE'S
SHORT
...?

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?
HE'S SO OUTRAGEOUS!
PERSONALITY, LOOKS,
EVERYTHING! AND, AND,
I WOULD ONLY GO OUT
WITH A TALL MAN!!!
TALL! LIKE SUZUKI!
HE'S LIKE SHORTER
THAN ME!

THIS
PLACE
IS...









WHERE IS YOUR BROTHER NOW?
IS HE IN ANY TROUBLE THESE DAYS ...?

UM ...?



TSUYO-SHII!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER. WE CAN LOOK THAT UP ANY TIME.

SORRY

TSUYOSHI ...?



ALSO, IF YOU WANT TO MEET SOMEONE IN THE BROAD DAYLIGHT, YOU NEED THICKER FOUNDATION IF YOU WANT TO HIDE THOSE BRUISES.

I SEE YOU ARE TRYING TO HIDE ONE WITH A TURTLENECK, BUT IT IS CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM THE BACK.









WHAT GIVES
YOU THE RIGHT TO
TREAT A TOTAL
STRANGER LIKE
THAT?!

SHE LEFT
CRYING!

WHAT WAS
THAT ALL
ABOUT?!

HOW IS
SHAY?





HE'S BEEN AR-
RESTED TWICE FOR
VIOLENCE UNDER THE
HEAVY INFLUENCE OF
ALCOHOL. HE WAS
IN A REHAB FROM
AGE '80-'84.

TWO YEARS
AGO HE MOVED IN
WITH Aoi HAMADA.
CURRENTLY UN-
EMPLOYED.



SHOUJI HAYASE
(A.K.A. SHIROKO
HAYASE'S SECOND
SON. LIVES IN
YOKOHAMA.



THIS IS THE MAN
SHE IS GOING
TO MARRY.

JUST BY GOING
THROUGH POLICE
RECORD, EVEN A
STRANGER LIKE HE
CAN FIND OUT THIS
MUCH BASED ON A
SIMPLE FIRST IN-
TRODUCTION.



BUT YOU
WHO HAVE BEEN
FRIENDS WITH HER
FOR TEN YEARS...









THIS IS
THE FAMILY
PHOTO OF
THE VICTIM,
TAICHI HORIE,
FROM 25
YEARS AGO.



AFTER THE
FATHER MEANT
"MISSING," BOTH
BROTHER AND SISTER
WENT THROUGH THE
FOSTER SYSTEM, THEN
FINALLY ENDED UP AT
THEIR DISTANT RELA-
TIVE. THAT'S WHEN
THEIR LAST NAME
CHANGED TO
HAMADA.

THESE
TWO!



ACT AND
TAKESHI
HAMADA.



AND THIS IS
THE CLOSE
UP OF THE
ACT'S ARM.



MUCH LIKE
ACT TODAY,
TRYING TO
HIDE HER
BRUISES.

THIS IS
A SUMMER
FESTIVAL BUT
THESE TWO
GIRLS ARE
WEARING LONG
SLEEVES



DON'T YOU
THINK SO?

CHAK







HE WAS
STABBED IN THE
BACK WHILE HE
WAS LYING DOWN.
HE LOOKS AT THE
BLOOD ON HIS
HAND...



THERE'S A
SHADOW OF
SOMEONE...



HE GETS UP
AND LOOKS
AROUND...

THERE...

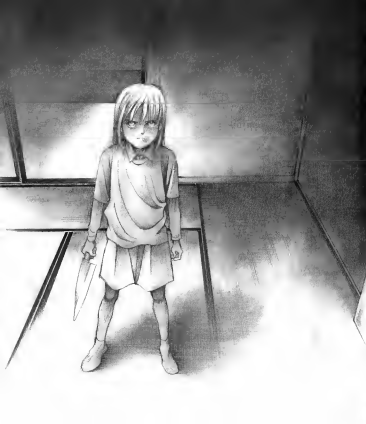


THE
FEET...



THAT'S A
CHILD...











**STOP IT,
AOI!**



AOI...







A STRANGER
COULD TELL I
WAS DOMESTICALLY ABUSED.





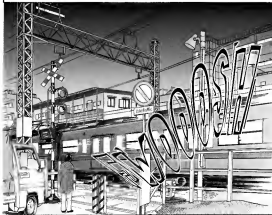
I DON'T
WANT TO
SUFFER FOR
MONTHS
AND DIE.



DADDY,



DING DING







TO AOI
HAMADA'S
APARTMENT!
HURRY!

TSUYOSHI
!



YES, SHE IS
THE MURDERER
YOU WANTED
TO FIND OUT
SO BADLY.

WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?
YOU SA
WITH A
SAW THE

ARE DO
YOU
SEE?

WAIT!

WAIT!

A
CHILD
!!

SHE
SLAUGHTERED
HER FATHER
TO DEATH.



YOU SAW
IT YOUR-
SELF...

25 YEARS
AGO... SHE
WAS BARELY
TEN YEARS
OLD.

SHE WAS
JUST A
CHILD.





SEVERAL
BRUISES ON
HER BODY.



ALCOHOLIC
FATHER.



TO
PROTECT
HERSELF,
SHE KILLED
SOMEONE
25 YEARS
AGO.

YOUR FRAGILE
LOOKING FRIEND
WAS BEATEN BY
HER FATHER, TO
THE POINT SHE
FEARED FOR
HER LIFE.



AND NOW, HER
PLANCE IS ALSO AN
ALCOHOLIC. THEY
LIVE TOGETHER.



YOU JUST
GAVE HER
BRUISES
TODAY.





THERE'S
A NOTE-
BOOK AND
A CELL.



IT APPEARS
THAT THESE
BELONG TO
THE VICTIM.







HE ATTACKED
ME OUT OF NO-
WHERE! LOOK AT
THIS WOUND! I
THOUGHT I WAS
GOING TO BE
KILLED!



I TOLD YOU
IT WAS A
SELF DE-
FENSE!

SO I
THOUGHT
HE WAS
GOING TO
STOP HER



HE
GRABBED
THE KNIFE
AWAY FROM
AC!



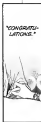
WHAT
THE
HELL!



BUT HE
CAME AT
ME WITH
THE SAME
KNIFE!



WHAT IS
WRONG
WITH
THESE
TWO?!



"CONVERTED-
LITHIUM."



"THANK
YOU."



"THANK
YOU."



"I WOULDN'T
HAVE IT FOR
THE WORLD."



"I'M THE MEDICAL
EXAMINER, AND ALSO
A FRIEND OF HERE. IS
IT ALL RIGHT FOR ME
TO TALK TO HER?"



ACT?



ACT





HE CAME
BACK FROM
TOKYO.



HE CAME
BACK TO
SAVE ME
FROM
DADDY.



I
WAS SO
SCARED



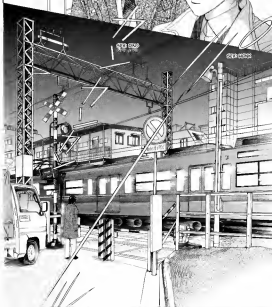
"...SO
EVERY-
THING
IS OKAY
NOW."

HE SAID
"I'M HERE
NOW..."





ROTTLE
ROTTLE



CHIRP







MAKI-SAN!

CHIRP

Second Mummified Body Found in the Marsh (Niigata)

According to Mr. N's confession



A victim from a 60 years-old
kidnapping case. DNA pending.



MAY AMI

Slide

THERE!
IT'S THE
MOTHER!







WHO
KILLED
HIM AND
HOW?

WHAT DID HE
SEE BEFORE
HE DIED?



EVERYONE TOLD
ME TO GIVE UP SINCE
THE STATUTE OF LIM-
TATIONS HAD EXPIRED,
BUT IT WAS THE
POLICE WHO WANTED
IT TO GO AWAY.

I'M THE ONLY ONE
LEFT NOW AND I NEED
TO KNOW SO THAT I
CAN TELL MY WIFE AND
WHEN I MEET HER ON
THE OTHER SIDE.



...SHOULDN'T
IT BE THE
LEAST THEY
CAN DO?

SINCE THEY
LET MY SON
DIE AND LET
THE MURDERER
GO FREE 30
YEARS AGO...



I BELIEVE
THEY WILL
DO WHAT'S
BEST.



As for the current case, she was sent for mental evaluation for the assault

Aoi Hamada was not charged for the murder of her father 25 years ago, due to her young age at the time of the crime and the domestic abuse



WHAT?
??

I SAID IT'S
POSSIBLE.

YOU THINK
THAT FINANCE
KILLED HER
BROTHER ON
PURPOSE?

NOT SELF-
DEFENSE
??

THESE TWO
NEVER GOT ALONG.
EVERY TIME SHOUJI
GOT DRUNK, HE'D
COMPLAIN ABOUT
TAKASHI.





IN 2008, WHEN HE WAS 14, HE LOST HIS MOTHER TO AN ACCIDENT AND LIVED WITH HIS FATHER AND HIS YOUNGEST SISTER, AGE 11, IN AN APARTMENT. WHEN HE GRADUATED JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, HE MOVED FROM HIROATA TO TOKYO AND STARTED WORKING.

THE VICTIM, TAKASHI HAMADA (40), BEFORE HE HEARD HIS NAME, WE NEED TO REVEAL HIS BACKGROUND.



BUT SHORTLY AFTER THAT, THEIR FATHER WENT "MISSING" AND HE WENT BACK TO LIVE WITH HIS SISTER.



IN REALITY, HIS SISTER HAD MURDERED THEIR FATHER. HOWEVER IT'S DIFFICULT FOR A 10-YEAR-OLD TO HIDE A BODY SO THERE'S A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT HE HELPED.



"WELL, THAT'S I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THESE SUSPECTS"





AFTERWARDS,
WITH THE HELP
OF A RELATIVE,
TAKAHASHI FOUND
A JOB.









GO DOCTOR
YUUKO HAYASHI



COINCIDENCE IT
MAY BE, YOU ARE
A UNIVERSITY FRIEND
OF ARI HIRADA, WHO
IS BOTH THE PER-
PETRATOR FROM 25
YEARS AGO AND THE
YOUNGER SISTER
OF THE VICTIM IN
THIS CASE.



ARI-
HARA

CAN YOU TELL
US ANYTHING
USEFUL ABOUT
THESE 50-
LIMBS?

NOY

...AND THAT
HAPPENED.





THE
WHOLE
THING
BEGAN



TELEPHONE
WHAT...

I ALREADY
TOLD YOU I
WOULDN'T TELL
YOU ANY-
THING

CLATTER



WHAT
HAPPENED TO
THESE SIBLINGS
25 YEARS AGO?
WHY DID AOKI KILL
HER FATHER!



...WITH YOUR
REQUEST AOKI
STARTED THE
INVESTIGATION
BECAUSE YOU
ASKED HIM TO!



DID SAOJI
KILL TAKASHI IN
SELF-DEFENSE?
OR WAS IT A
PREMEDITATED
MURDER?



SAOJI WOULD
JUST ABOUT
TO ASK FOR
THE SECOND
KIDNEY?



EVEN SO,
YOU MIGHT
THAT YOU
DON'T NOTICE
ANYTHING



YOU WERE
THE LAST
PERSON AOKI
MET ON THE
DAY OF THE
MURDER



SHUT
UP,
AOKI!

NAKI-
SAN! THIS
IS NOT AN
INTERRO-
GATION!



THE
FATHER

FINE THEN.
LET'S WATCH
TAKASHI
HARADA'S
MOVE FIRST.

HE WAS AN
ALCOHOLIC





IT SEEMS
HER FATHER
KILLED HER
MOTHER.



BUT IT
WASN'T A
COOKING
ACCIDENT

SHE WAS
TOO YOUNG
AND DIDN'T
REMEMBER
CLEARLY



TRUTH IS,
HER DRUNK
FATHER
POURED HOT
COOKING
OIL AT HER
MOTHER

Burned



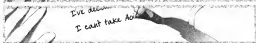
Their mother,
 Chikako, was
 hospitalized
 Because of the
 hospital record
 it didn't take long
 to find the image
 from Tachii's
 brain



















"BROTHER!"



"Ah!"

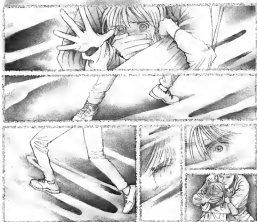


"BROTHER!"



"TAKASHI!
GET BACK
HERE! YOU
DON'T CARE
WHAT'S HAP-
PENING TO
ADRI!"

*"YOU DON'T
CARE ABOUT
HER?"*





"BROTHER!"

SOON...



"HEY, THERE
YOU ARE!"



"THERE
IS MY BIG
BROTHER!"

"I TOLD
YOU TO
STAY
WITH
ME!"



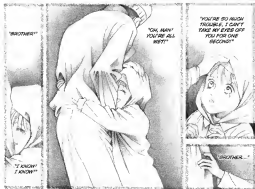
"WHY DID
YOU GO OUT
BY YOUR-
SELF?"



"HEY, YOU
IDOTT!"

"BIGO..."







WHY DID I
LEAVE HER
BEHIND?

AH!



SHE'S MY
ONE ONLY
SISTER AND
I'M HER ONE
AND ONLY
BROTHER!

HOW
COULD I
HAVE LEFT
HER?!

RIIIIIIIH!

ACH!

TAKASHI-
KUNT

"TAKASHI-KUN,
WHAT HAPPENED TO
THE DELIVEREST? HOW?
WHAT'S WRONG?
TAKASHI-KUN?"

DON'T
LET ME
BE TOO
LATE! NO
MATTER
WHAT,
I WILL
NEVER...

OH GOD,
PLEASE LET HER
STILL BE ALIVE!
PLEASE LET HER
BE ALL RIGHT!

I won't leave her.
I will protect her.

...NEVER LEAVE
HER AGAIN! I
WILL ALWAYS
PROTECT HER!
PLEASE GOD!



PLEASE
GOD!









"WHEN
DADDY'S
AWAKE, HE
KIDS ME ALL
THE TIME."



"I STARED
AT HIM AND HE'S
BEEN ASLEEP
SINCE THEN."



"THE
WHOLE
TIME."









HE STARTED WRITING A KIND OF "LETTER" TO AOJ ON THE DAY THEIR WEDDING WAS DECIDED.

THIS NOTEBOOK ALSO SHOWS UP OFTEN.

ON THE DAY OF HIS DEATH, AFTER THE FIGHT WITH SHOUJI, HE STARTED TO WRITE AGAIN.

HE MIGHT HAVE INTENT TO GIVE IT TO HER ON HER WEDDING DAY.

but I don't want

If you still want to be with him, I will stop you. Really.

HE FINISHED THE LAST PAGE THEN HEADED BACK TO AOJ'S APARTMENT.



THEN

HE
MIGHT
HAVE
HEARD
THEIR
FIGHTING.



NEVER
AGAIN

HE MOVED
UP SLOWLY AT
FIRST. THEN
HE STARTED
RUNNING.

THERE
ARE THE
STAIRS
OF ADO'S
APART-
MENT
BUILD-
ING



NEVER
AGAIN...



WHATEVER
IT TAKES.



REGARDLESS
OF WHAT I
HAVE TO DO.



I WON'T
EVER LET
YOU KILL
AGAIN,
ACH.





...HAPPENS
TO ME...



NO
MATTER
WHAT...





...HAVE
TO BE-
COME A
KILLER



ACH...

EVEN
IF I...













THE
KILLER...

YOU KNEW THE
KILLER WAS A
CHILD... THAT IT
WAS ADI...



YOU
ALREADY
KNEW,
DIDN'T
YOU?



SINCE
WHEN?

FROM
THE VERY
BEGINNING?



NOT ONE OF THEM
WOULD BE ABLE TO
DETERMINE THE CAUSE
AND TIME OF DEATH AS
QUICKLY AND PRECISELY
AS YOU COULD.



WITH YOUR ENORMOUS
KNOWLEDGE, YOU EXCEL AT
INSTANTLY PINNING DOWN
THE CAUSE OF DEATH OF
THE BODY BEFORE YOUR
EYES...

BUT...

THAT'S ALL.

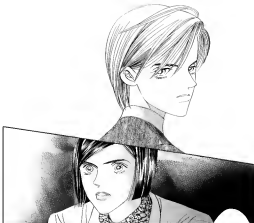


YOU CRITICALLY
LACK
IMAGINATION.

HAIR-
SAY

...





THIS WAS
BECAUSE THE
VICTIM WAS
SLEEPING.

THE STAR
WOUND ON
HIS BACK
WAS THE
FIRST.



THAT IS THE
REASON WHY YOU
INTERPRETED IT AS A
SEXUALLY MOTIVATED
MURDER. HOWEVER
YOU SHOULD HAVE
TAKEN THE THOUGHT
A STEP FURTHER.

OTHER
WOUNDS ARE
ALL CENTERED
AROUND HIS
LOWER BODY.

FOR A MEDICAL
EXAMINER,
THAT IS A
FATAL
FLAW.

YOU CANNOT
SCAPE THE
VICTIMS
CIRCUM-
STANCES...
THE SOCIETY
THAT
BROUGHT
FORTH THE
ACCIDENT.

NO MATTER HOW
HARD YOU TRY
YOU CAN'T
IMAGINE
ANYTHING BUT
THE HARDY
LIFE THAT
SURROUNDS
YOU.



THE
UNHAPPINESS
THAT'S SO
REMOVED FROM
YOUR OWN
EXPERIENCE...

THE SACRIFICES OF
PEOPLE WHO HAVE
TO LIVE, THINKING
EVERY DAY THAT
DEATH WOULD BE
EASIER THAN THE
LIFE FILLED WITH
SUFFERING...

THE DARKNESS
LYING IN THE
PITS OF OUR
SOCIETY...

YOU DON'T
TRY TO
IMAGINE...
YOU DON'T
EVEN WANT
TO NOTICE
THOSE
THINGS.

NO MATTER
HOW
EXPERIENCED
YOU'LL GET,
IT WON'T
CHANGE.



**MAKI-
SAN!**





A SPECIALIST?



THAT'S
RIGHT!

WHO
ARE
YOU?



ACK!



HEY,
ACK!

DOCTOR
MORROW
IS A
SPECIALIST
LEADING
HER
COOR-
DINATION
TO THE
INVESTIGATION!



ACK!

W...
WAIT
A
LITTLE!

EVEN
FOR
MARI-
GIN, ISN'T
THIS
JUST
RIGHT?

**STOP
IT!**



BESIDES, SHE'S NOT AN
INVESTIGATOR, SHE'S A
MEDICAL EXAMINER!
AS LONG AS SHE
PRESENTS US
WITH CORRECT
CAUSE OF DEATH,
IS IT REALLY
NECESSARY FOR
HER TO THINK
ABOUT A
BACKGROUND
OF THE
INCIDENT...?









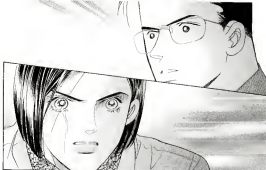
WHAT
RIGHT DO
YOU HAVE
TO GIVE IT
TO HER?

THAT
NOTE-
BOOK

...HER
SECRET THAT
HER BROTHER
TRIED TO
PROTECT WITH
HIS LIFE!

YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO FORCE-
FULLY PILED
OPEN..







Looking
at...



In that
moment—

Those pained tears she didn't
show even when she thought she
was dying—



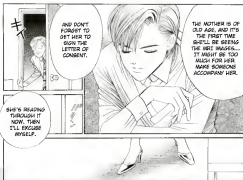
The tears she's been holding
back while looking at...













...OR FOR A
RAKE CHANCE
SHE DIES OF
SHOCK...

...IS IT BECAUSE
YOU'RE
CONSIDERATE
TOWARDS AN
ELDERLY PARENT
WHO LOST THEIR
CHILD?



...YOU'RE
PROTECTING
YOURSELF?



THE 'I' REFERS
TO YOU, MADAM...

MIYASAKI-SAN.

'I
SHALL...'

PLEASE KEEP IT, MADAM.
IF, BY ANY CHANCE, AN
INFORMATION LEAK TO A
PRESS AGENCY OR MASS
MEDIA WERE DISCOVERED,
THE SENTENCE MIGHT BE
UP TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON
OR 5 MILLION YEN IN FINE.
TELLING YOUR RELATIVES
OR NEIGHBORS IS
FORBIDDEN AS WELL.

'I SHALL TAKE
UPON MYSELF A
DUTY OF
CONFIDENTIALITY
REGARDING THE
WHOLE CONTENT OF
THE MRI IMAGES
RETRIEVED BY THE
FORENSIC INVESTI-
GATION OFFICE
SECTION NINE OF
THE POLICE
SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH
CENTER.'

'I ACCEPT THAT NO MATTER THE
CONTENT OF THE MRI IMAGES, ALL
LEGAL ACTIONS BASED ON SAID
IMAGES WILL BE DECLARED INVALID.'

.....

'I
SHALL...'

I'M VERY
SORRY, EVEN
THOUGH YOU
BOOTHERED TO
COME HERE
PERSONALLY...



EVEN
THOUGH
WE'RE THE
SAME AGE,
YOU KEEP ON
SPEAKING SO
FORMALLY TO
ME.

BUT I HAVE
TO ATTEND THE
PROJECTION OF
THE IMAGES
RETRIEVED FROM
THE BRAIN OF
GOD LADY'S
SON.

YOU CAN
LEAVE
WHATEVER
YOU CAME
TO SAY
WITH LORD
OF BUDA.

WHY?

EVER SINCE
KATSUMI
INTRODUCED
US TO EACH
OTHER.

TAKE YOUR
SPEECH FAMILIAR
TO SEEM CLOSER.

WHY IS
THAT,
ALL OF A
SUDDEN?

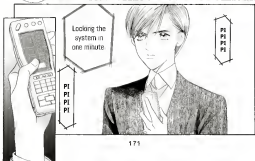
IS THAT WHAT
YOU'RE STATING?

"PI"

"PI"

"PI"

I HAVE
TO TURN
ON THE
SECURITY
ON THIS
FLOOR,
SO LET'S
LEAVE.





Anomaly detected.
One minute
left to enter
10-digit
password

MAKI-
SANT

Anomaly detected
30 seconds
left to enter
10-digit
password

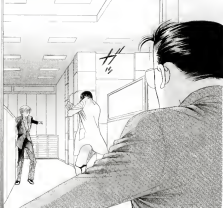
Activating
the alarm

HAVE I
STRUCK
SOMETHING
GOOD?

EVEN THOUGH
I HAVE NO
INSIGHT?

THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME I
MADE YOUR
FACE COLOR
CHANGE...









Ma-!



IT'S A
FALSE
ALARM,
SHUT IT
DOWN!



MAKI-SAN,
THE
SECURITY
ALARM...

...

DOC-
TOR!

...if
you
can,
please
find
out
what
is
in
this
bag...







IT DOESN'T
MATTER...



I
LOVE
YOU.

...WHOEVER
YOU'RE
LOOKING
AT...





MIYAGAWA-SAN!

MADAM!

—PLEASE
STOP FOR A
MOMENT!

I'M
SORRY,
BUT I'M
FINE,
REALLY.

IF I FEEL
BAD I'LL
TELL YOU
MYSELF,
SO
PLEASE
CONTINUE.

THERE'S NEED TO
HURRY. YOU GIVE
A LITTLE TIME,
LET'S REST FOR A
MOMENT.

IT'S
ALRIGHT.

I'M FINE,
CONTINUE?

...THERE IS
SO LITTLE
TIME LEFT...

PLEASE
...

WHAT DO
WE DO?



WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOUR
HAND?



MADAM
SAYS IT'S
FINE, RIGHT?
CONTINUE.



NOTHING... JUST
MADE HER REST
WHEN HER
HEART RATE
REACHED 240.
IT'S PROBABLY
THE CRUEL
IMAGES.

NOT
IT.



THE
LADY'S
KINDNESS?
WHAT
ABOUT
IT?

HER
KINDNESS
IS DAMN.



...

IT SEEMS
THAT'S WHEN,
DESPITE
NO PREVIOUS
OFFENCES AND
LACK OF
PLANNING
SKILLS,
HE DECIDED
TO KILL THE
CHILD.



ON 20TH
OF THE SAME
MONTH,
THE PLAN
TO GET A
RANDOM
FALIER.

ON THE 10TH
FEBRUARY, 40
YEARS AGO,
THE GUILTY,
NAMED,
KIDNAPED
NORMAN. THE
BOY WAS TEN
YEARS OLD AT
THE TIME.

FROM THE IMAGES, WE CAN TELL THAT ON THE SAME DAY HE BOUGHT A ROPE AND A PACKING TAPE HE LATER USED TO STRANGLE THE BOY. HE STARTED TO GATHER THE TOOLS HE NEEDED TO BURY THE BODY AS WELL.

LASTLY, THIS IS TWO HOURS BEFORE NORBERT'S DEATH - THIS IS THE MOMENT WHERE HE RECEIVES HIS LAST MEAL.

...ARE YOU ALRIGHT, MARGENT?

THE LAST THING HE ATE...

BREAD...









'EVER SINCE HE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL, MY SON WAS SEARCHING FOR JOB...

MY HUSBAND LET HIM WORK IN ONE OF THE CLOTH STORES...

WHEN NORIHIKO DISAPPEARED HE EVEN PARTICIPATED IN SEARCH MISSIONS...

ALL THE TIME, HE WAS SEARCHING FOR JOB...' IS WHAT MY SISTER TOLD ME WHEN SHE WAS ASKING FOR MY HELP.



THAT TIME, I PREPARED THE FOOD...

20 YEARS AGO, MY HUSBAND, WHO HAD A GREAT SENSE OF DUTY, INVITED HIM OVER FOR THE RETIREMENT PARTY.



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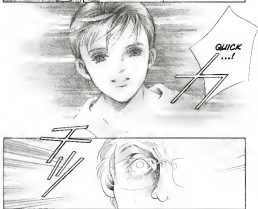
BLOOD PRESSURE
METER

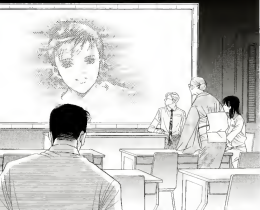
I PREPARED ALL THE FOOD.



149!











...SINCE IN THIS
DREAM, NOBUAKI
HIMSELF IS A
SMALL CHILD.

!



NORMALLY,
ONLY PICTURES
FROM UP TO
5 YEARS BEFORE
DEATH CAN BE
REPRODUCED,
BUT IF THE VICTIM
HAS DREAMT OF A
SIGNIFICANT LIFE
EVENT REPEATEDLY,
IT TOO CAN BE
RETRIEVED LIKE THIS.

NORIKAZU!

NORIKAZU!

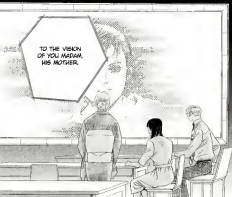


THIS SCENE IS FROM
WHEN YOU WENT
HORSE RIDING WITH
THE WHOLE FAMILY,
ISN'T IT?



AND JUST A MOMENT
BEFORE HE GABBED
HIS LAST BREATH—
HIS MIND RETURNED
TO THE DREAM HE
WAS SEEING UNTIL
JUST MINUTES
BEFORE.

AFTER THAT POOR MEAL,
FOR A BRIEF TIME,
NORIKAZU DREAMED OF
THIS HAPPY MEMORY.





...AKISHIDA
WHO
CONFESSED
AS WELL...

IT'S JUST A
SUSPOSITION,
BUT THIS TIME,
THE GUILTY...



IT WAS ON
ANOTHER CASE,
BUT THERE WAS
ONCE A MAN WHO
ALSO DREAMED
AGAIN AND AGAIN
OF AN EVENT FROM
DECADES AGO...
HE REGRETTED IT
UNTIL HIS DEATH.



MOMMY!







WTSU-
GRAP-
CAN,



THEN
...

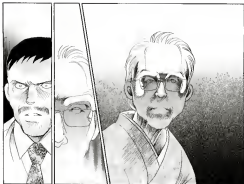
EXCUSE ME,
BUT CAN I
SEE YOUR
SLEEVE...?

...THEN THIS TIME,
MAY I ASK YOU TO
SHOW ME THE
BRACES FROM HIS...
FROM NASHIDA'S
BRAIN AS WELL?

THIS DREAM
YOU SAY HE
WAS SEEING
UNTIL HIS
DEATH...



NASHIDA? SORRY, BUT
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, MADAM...
THE BRACES CAN ONLY BE
EXTRACTED AFTER DEATH...



OKABE!



OKABE!





DID YOU
SECURE
THE
KNIFE?

OKABE-
SAN.



This
smell
is...?

OKABE-
SAN.



MITSUBU-
SAN!
ARE YOU
HURT
ANYWHERE?



...THERE IS
BLOOD ON
IT...



...BLOOD...



NO, IT
HIS .



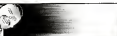
MITSUBU-SAN,
DID YOU WOUND
YOURSELF?

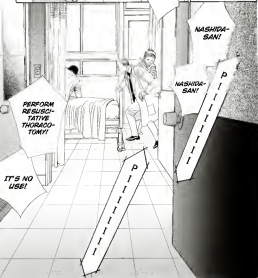
NO...

...DRIED.



ALREADY







WHAT
...?



HE'S
ALREADY
DEAD.





WAS THERE ANY
'I AGREE THAT I
SHALL NOT KILL
PEOPLE
WHATEVER THE
CONTENT OF THE
MRI IMAGES'
RULE?

WAS THERE
A RULE IN
THAT LETTER
I SIGNED
THAT I
VIOLATED?



SECTION
CHIEF!

CAN YOU
GET
SECTION
CHIEF?

CHIEF!

SORRY, BUT
THERE IS
AN URGENT
CONTACT
FROM THE
HOSPITAL.









She was Nephida's sole remaining relative, his aunt, and she stabbed him right in the chest



It was few hours before, she passed through the guards claiming she wanted to discuss the inheritance with him. After committing the crime, she got rid of the stains on her kimono and headed to 'The Ninth'





Why would you
do something so
foolish?

For a man like him,
you've become a
murderer for the
remainder of your life!



Even if you
left him alone,
Hirohiko would
die soon anyway!
Killing him had
no value!

You'll even lose the
right of your late
husband's and son's
family name!

"My
husband..."

Your life
up to
now...



My husband Tats
died 8 years ago!

